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# Set Your Christmas Tree Free

**Local business reduces tree waste by planting them** BY BEN STONE

Purchasing a cut-down Christmas tree can be a sad ritual for the sustainability-minded celebrator, or for those who find their post-holiday disappointment embodied by the malnourished or petroleum-derived tree in the living room.

However, Willamette Valley residents have the option of doing something a little different – renting a potted, living tree from Portland-based The Original Potted Christmas Tree Company (TOPCTC) to be picked up later and planted by conservation groups in local parks and watersheds.

"Christmas trees – as much as we love them and we feel wedded to those kinds of symbols of the holiday – it's always felt a little bit wasteful," says Craig Leve, a Eugene resident and TOPCTC customer. "And let's face it, those plastic trees inevitably look like plastic trees, and they're disappointing and they're sad. It sort of fits with our approach, I would say, in life, which is we like the idea that things don't get wasted."

TOPCTC say they find it difficult to put into words why they love live Christmas trees. Instead, they liken them to the first four bars of the song "My Sharona" by the Knack – exciting, electric. This unexplainable

feeling has led them to periodically miss Christmas morning altogether.

"Sometimes I sleep right through it because I'm so busy with my business," the owner of TOPCTC says. Along with several helpers, he works around the clock through December and January to facilitate the drop-offs and pick-ups of naturally shaped firs and blue spruces up to 7.5 feet tall.

Cut Christmas trees have issues. "Your typical Christmas tree, because you've killed it by cutting off its roots, even if you keep it in water it dries out, it tends to lose a lot of the needles," Leve says. "That was much less of an issue with this tree: It's a living thing."

Buying a cut Christmas tree grown by a local farm is a fine option – commercial tree farming is a widely celebrated industry for its sustainability. The National Christmas Tree Association reports that on aver-

age, Christmas tree growers plant one to three new seedlings for every harvested tree, and it's easy to transform Christmas trees into mulch and compost through community recycling programs.

But there is also no substitute for a tree that keeps living and maturing into the tree it was meant to become, producing enough oxygen per year to supply two human beings. The fact that a tree rented from TOPCTC would eventually return to this "state of treefulness" was a powerful draw that convinced Leve to give the service a try.

One doesn't have to travel far to observe these "re-homed" Christmas trees. Over a four-year period, Brighton West, deputy director of Portland's Friends of Trees organization, helped plant many of TOPCTC's trees along a 6-mile stretch of I-205, from the Columbia River down.

These trees are now visible from the Interstate, branching up over the top of the hill on the west side. All were planted as small Douglas firs, and most have transitioned into their new homes quite gracefully.

"Now some of them are 15 feet tall or something," West says. "It's pretty cool to drive down there and be like, 'Hey, I planted that.' Some people are probably like, 'Hey – that's my Christmas tree!'"

To order your potted tree for delivery, which ranges from \$95-\$100, visit [livingchristmastrees.org](http://livingchristmastrees.org). **GG**

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— CRAIG LEVE, CHRISTMAS TREE RENTER



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# Toyland: A User's Guide

**Make friends with your local toy store** BY VANESSA SALVIA

**W**alking into a toy store can be overwhelming, even if you know exactly what you're looking for. But say you're a grandparent buying for a child in another state whose actual interests are a mystery, or for a teenager who lives in the other room but is equally mysterious.

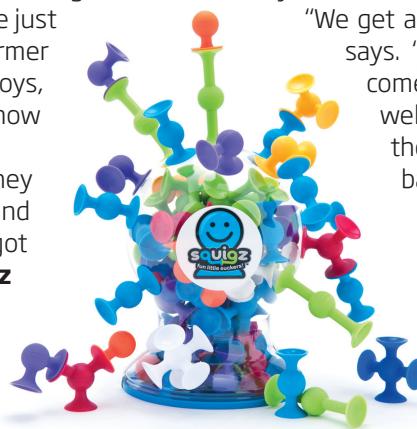
In such cases, the staff at toy stores should become your friends.

"We get asked to help people pick out toys 20 times a day, every day," says Dell Krull, manager at the Elephant's Trunk in the Fifth Street Public Market. "We get asked all the time what a kid might like, and we try and help people narrow it down by asking them questions such as age, gender, what they might be into." Think of the toy store worker your concierge to the toy world.

It's not crazy to consider cultivating a relationship with your local toy store just like you would your butcher, your farmer or your baker. They know their toys, they know what kids like and they know what sells.

They also get demos of toys so they can experience them firsthand, and some of them are irresistible. Krull got to play with a toy called **Squigz** (\$25). "They're the coolest thing ever," Krull says.

Squigz are "fun little suckers" consisting of little suction cups



that connect to each other and to any non-porous surface, such as a table, window glass or a bathtub. "We had a demo, and I played with these for hours," Krull says. Keep in mind he's an adult, so your kid's probably going to like them too.

Another winner perfect for stuffing stockings is **Crazy Aaron's Thinking Putty** (\$11 to \$15). It comes in various forms and colors including glow-in-the-dark and heat-sensitive color-changing versions. It's also hyper-colored and magnetic. In other words, it's not your mother's putty.

At Dancing Weasel toy store in Eugene, owner Danita Reynolds agrees that people should not be shy about coming into the store and asking for help.

"We get a lot of people that ask for help," she says. "We get a lot of grandparents that come in because we've helped them so well that they trust us, and the kids love the toys that we suggest, so they come back."

Reynolds likes a new dollhouse by Plan Toys called the **Green Dollhouse** (\$253). "It has recycling, a water collection system, a solar panel and an electrical turbine for wind power, too," she says. "It is truly a green house, and it comes

with all of the furniture." It doesn't come with the family, though.

Reynolds says grandparents tend to gravitate to the more pricey items such as easels or play kitchens, and Dancing Weasel can certainly accommodate that, though they've got a plethora of items for a lot less.

One standout for toddlers is the **Rody**, an Italian toy that kids sit on and bounce (\$57). "These are made by a company that makes therapy balls," Reynolds says, "so the material is really durable and safe."

Dancing Weasel just started carrying a new line of toys called **Primary Science** (\$32). "These are science kits for 3- and 4-year-olds," she says, "which is really hard to find for that age group." Young ones can practice color mixing or playing with magnets. The basic lab kit comes with a beaker, magnifying glass, funnel, eyedropper, flask, tweezers, goggles, large and small test tubes and activity cards.

Dancing Weasel carries mostly toys for younger kids, primarily those under 10. You won't find plastic junk here – their toys tend to be the wooden, eco-friendly type with less gender stereotypes and more emphasis on creative and developmental play.

The Elephant's Trunk has a greater selection of toys for a larger age range of kids, including electronic toys and the toys you grew up with, like Spirographs and Lincoln Logs. **GG**

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AMY CLANCY WITH HER HANDCRAFTED CREATIONS

# Click, Click, Buy

*To avoid holiday chaos, shop local online* BY VANESSA SALVIA

I hate the holidays. No, that's not quite it. I hate the shopping that comes along with the holidays. I hate circling the asphalt for parking spots. I hate bundling up against the cold, wind and rain, fighting crowds, waiting in line and feeling like I have to spend money I can't afford to spend. Sometimes I even hate having to remember my reusable shopping bags.

One thing I love is supporting local artisans. Luckily there's a way to avoid the holiday horrors and still shop locally, and it's Etsy.

From the Etsy home page, enter in your search for whatever you are looking for, such as jewelry or pet items. Scroll down and find the option for "shop location" on the bottom left. You can enter any city, and Etsy crafters from that area will pop up. A recent search revealed 430 items for pet products in Eugene, Oregon.

"You can shop locally from your computer," says Amy Clancy, who has made a lifestyle of crafting. Since 2009, she's had two Etsy stores selling custom-made fleece hats for babies and kids (**Swirly Hats**) along with hand-printed clothing and décor (**Fancy Clancy**).

Clancy also sells at Saturday Market, Holiday Market and at her downtown décor store, Nest. "It's

great to be at my booth and be able to hand someone an item, but if you buy from me online, I can ship it anywhere for you and include a card," Clancy says. "If someone tells me it's for their sister's birthday, for instance, I can make it fancy."

You can find just about anything on Etsy, from vintage one-of-a-kind items to hand-made anything. Eugene Etsy shop **Nalas Collars** offers hand-made leather cat collars with steel rivets and breakaway buckles. The fanciest cat collar is only \$15. It also offers a hand-knit, catnip-filled mouse with a pleasing long and swishy tail that would amuse any cat.

Jewelry is a perennial favorite item on Etsy. From upcycled items to semiprecious stones and metals, your choice for jewelry is plentiful. Jenni Babcock is a Eugene Etsy crafter at a shop called **Jennibjeweled**. She makes decidedly non girly-girl jewelry from rustic items such as scrap metal license plates, leather and antiqued chain. If you know a woman who's more comfortable in Frye boots than heels, she'll probably like this jewelry.

A shop called **UpcycleBebe** is hosted by a woman from Springfield named Shannon. In her bio she says she left her job as a preschool teacher and now lives with her partner raising their daughter. She makes cute

stuff for kids such as decorated onesies, headbands with animal ears and needle-felted critters.

Many items on Etsy are custom-made, so if you know you want something for a holiday occasion, order as early as possible. If you would like to have it by a certain day, just ask.

"For a custom order, which my swirly hats are," Clancy says, "I say one to two weeks, but I usually get it done in three or four days. The swirly hats get used in holiday productions or for Christmas cards, so people say, 'I'd like it by this day if you can,' and I always do."

With Etsy, even if you're not handing your money over in person, it's obvious that you're supporting a real person who has made something with care. Clancy says she earns 80 percent of her income from her swirly hats shop during the month of November.

"When people buy from independent businesses, they are supporting so much," Clancy says. "The money stays in your community. Some women are stay-at-home moms, and that's the money they'll spend on their kids, or dinner out or toys or presents. It really makes a big difference. When you spend money at the mall, Eugene sees none of that. That's like saying, 'Yes, bring more stuff from China.' Money speaks." **GG**



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# From Trash to Treasure

**Old becomes new at the Holiday Market** BY DAEMION LEE

Artisans at the Saturday Market's Holiday Market use anything from spider webs to pressed flowers when crafting their creations. Some are known especially for reusing materials to make something new. Recycling, upcycling, reusing – people have different names for it, but whatever you call it, the resulting products bear little resemblance to the "old" materials from which they came.

Brian McGinnis makes bags from sails, and his business name hints at the bags' reused nature: Lagan Bags. The word "lagan" is a nautical term for goods or wreckage on the bottom of the sea, with a buoy attached for later retrieval. The sails McGinnis uses for his bags, like lagan, were retrieved after being tossed out. Typically, old sails just sit around until they get trashed, but McGinnis says he decided to change that.

"I spent two-and-a-half years in Mexico cruising around and saw lots of old sails getting thrown out," he says. He experimented with turning some of those sails into bags, and the result is Lagan Bags.



DRESS FASHIONED OUT OF T-SHIRT MATERIAL BY KENDRA BROCK

At his workshop on Fern Ridge Reservoir, McGinnis sews everything from tote bags to duffle bags, turning the sail material into durable, attractive items. Most of the sails he uses come from his friends who race sailboats. "Racers are particularly hard on their sails," McGinnis says. He arranges for the old sails to be sent to him, which means he has a nearly endless supply for his sewing machine. Bags range from \$35-\$145.

Kendra Brock of Kendra Grace Designs makes dresses and other kinds of clothes, but with a twist: Everything she sews is made from T-shirts. She browses racks at thrift stores until she finds what she is looking for. "The T-shirt really has to speak to me," Brock says. Plus, the shirt has to be stain-free and have no plastic decals that might crack or peel over time. Once she finds the perfect tee, she sews it into a colorful, one-of-a-kind piece of clothing, incorporating other T-shirts and organic cotton.

"I like to use all parts of the shirts," Brock says, such as using the hem of a shirt for a dress strap. "I'm making a piece of art," Brock says about her sewing, and she works with the fabric in order "to sculpt the dress into what it becomes." Brock's dresses start at about \$175.

Tyler Dones of Twylt Hour Productions calls himself a "junk artist," and he relies on an unusual material to sew his creations: used inner tubes. However, he doesn't want to create art that is put up on the wall and never used.

"I was able to find a way to bring artistry to a practical level," Dones says. He began by making a handbag and hasn't stopped since, branching out into everything from belts to wallets to coats. Most of Dones' products cost under \$150. "I use any kind of inner tube I can get," Dones says. "They're just going to go to a landfill, so people are happy to give them to me."

In order to turn inner tubes into useful products, Dones says he uses "sewing machines, leather tools and creativity." One of Dones' favorite aspects of his work is meeting all the different customers and sharing his art with them.

"Customers are extremely hard to predict," Dones says. "Every Holiday Market, it's a new thing people fall in love with."

McGinnis, Brock, Dones and other creative folks will be at the Holiday Market every weekend at the Lane County Fairgrounds, 10 am to 6 pm, with extended days from Dec. 20-24, closing at 4 pm on Christmas Eve. **GG**



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# Scrumptious Seasonals

Get these wintry treats while you can BY ISABEL ZACHARIAS

**L**et's get real: The spirit of giving is great and all, as are the domestic tranquilities such as a warm house and the joy of reuniting with family and friends, but when it comes to the holidays, nothing beats feasting – especially on sweets.

From homemade gingerbread men to elaborate Yule log cakes, wintry holiday desserts are among the finest of life's simple pleasures. What else besides baked goods have the power to completely turn around an otherwise awkward holiday office party? What else shuts up your bickering extended family members more than mouthfuls of creamy-crunchy sugar bliss?

Thankfully, Eugene has at no shortage of festive confections.

Sweet Life Pâtisserie, winner of EW's Best of Eugene Best Bakery title this year and many years past, is offering perhaps the largest selection of goodies, most of them fresh takes on familiar holiday staples.

"Our traditional pizzelles are especially near and dear to our hearts, because that's what our grandma used to make," co-owner Catherine Reinhart says. The thin, round cookies come in orange, vanilla and anise, among other flavors.

Sweet Life also makes peppermint bark, handmade nougat, cookies frosted to look like vintage holiday

cards, apricot brandy fruitcake, gingerbread people and sugarplums (which are raw and vegan).

No old-fashioned holiday bakery menu is complete without a beautiful bûche de Noël, known to the less bourgeois as a Yule log. Sponge cake and chocolate buttermilk are rolled together in an oblong shape to create this indulgent dessert, traditionally decorated to look like a real log. Sweet Life's version uses cocoa sponge cake and it's gluten-free.

Metropol Bakery also serves up a bitchin' bûche. Metropol owner Donna McGuinness says her Yule log is "pretty different. It's really elaborately decorated." Metropol's white sponge cake is filled with raspberry crème and adorned with dark chocolate buttercream bark, marzipan holly, meringue mushrooms and a final dusting of cocoa powder.

Metropol will be baking mitten-shaped, frosted sugar cookies, a holiday stollen, a sweet bread with dried apricots, pineapple, raisins, sliced almonds and lemon glaze, as well as a decadent black bottom eggnog pie and chocolate cappuccino torte, among others.

While Metropol's selection of holiday yummies is centered largely on shareable dishes, Marché Provisions' menu is more focused on single-serving confections.

Marché's pastry chef Steve Boswell says the bakery's gingerbread men are always popular, but

that they expect to "get really into the truffles" this holiday season, experimenting with fillings like whiskey, peppermint and ginger. Other tasty offerings include apple-spiced macaroons and walnut cranberry tarts.

Red Wagon Creamery co-owner Stuart Phillips says the scoop shop will be "going crazy with handcrafted goodies" this holiday season, and not just ice cream. Red Wagon will be making handmade, all-natural candy canes, occasionally sprinkling them into their Lucy's Cracked Candy Cane ice cream pie – a cookie crumble-crusted, chocolate-drizzled dream filled with Oregon mint ice cream and candy cane bits. A sweet potato maple cumin version of an ice cream makes for a surprisingly savory option, and a brown butter bourbon pecan is a more classic holiday treat.

Don't let the increasing cold keep you away from the ice cream shop. Red Wagon will also be doling out scoops and pints of deliciously exotic seasonal ice cream. The "Tannenbaum" flavor is swirled with pine needles (seriously), and made-from-scratch eggnog is used in the spiced eggnog flavor.

A slew of exclamatory adjectives, ecstatic interjections and satisfied guttural noises come to mind when thinking of the delicious seasonal food to come. Everyone needs some extra padding this time of year, right? Eat your heart out, Eugene: You have plenty of options. **GG**



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### Euphoria Chocolate Company

Visit [euphoriamchocolate.com](http://euphoriamchocolate.com) for store locations, 541-343-9223

The holidays smell like chocolate, peppermint and warming spices, and local chocolatier Euphoria has you covered for your holiday treats. Available only this time of year are the Oreo Gift Box featuring Oreo cookies dipped in dark, milk and white chocolate and topped with peppermint (\$12.95), a peppermint candy cream truffle (\$4.50), peppermint bark (\$8.95) and a six-piece spice truffle set in a tree-shaped box – these nuggets of deliciousness are flavored with anise, cardamom, chipotle, cinnamon, ginger and vanilla.



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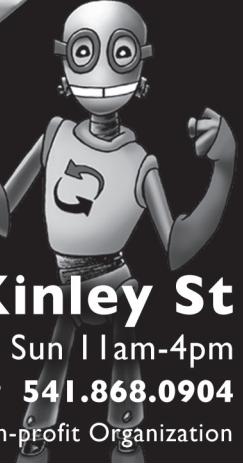
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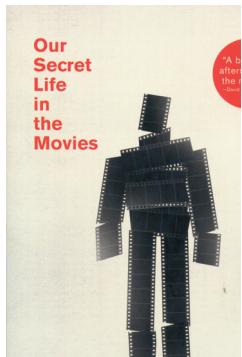
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## Tsunami Books

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Reviews of this new book, *Our Secret Life in the Movies*, are suddenly all over the media, and for good reason. It's a gem. Authors Michael McGriff (an Oregon native and former Tsunami Books employee) and J. M. Tyree lived together in San Francisco and spent a year watching every film in the *Criterion Collection*. The result is coming-of-age stories steeped with nostalgia. Hard to describe, easy to read, deeply satisfying for anyone who likes words, movies, mid-century angst or just growing up and being human.

## New Twist

Fifth Street Public Market, 541-342-8686

Architectural firms getting into the jewelry design business might seem like a long shot, but for Marmol Radziner, it works. The principal, Ron Radziner, couldn't find men's jewelry that was masculine yet minimal, so he began designing his own. Shown is a ring in solid standard and solid thin (\$70 each) and men's standard dark cuff (\$225) and small thin women's cuff in natural (\$215). All items are brass and are generally unadorned.



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248 E. 5th Ave., Ste 15, 541-345-7547

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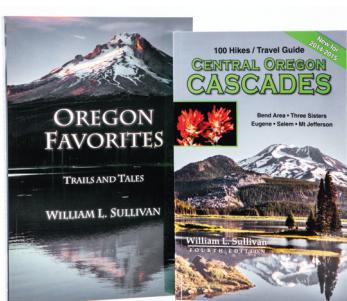
## Tsunami Books

2585 Willamette St., 541-345-8986

South Eugene resident and author William Sullivan hikes over to Tsunami, unzips his backpack and sells his books to the shop right on the spot. The updated 2014-2015 edition of *Central Oregon Cascades* (\$19) includes a dozen new hikes and a guide to hot springs,

campgrounds, cabin rentals and wildflowers.

*Oregon Favorites: Trails and Tales* (\$25) is a full-color collection of 62 stories about some favorite Oregon outdoor destinations along with travel tips for these spots.



## Linda Perkins

Green Earth Baskets,  
541-912-5364



Linda Perkins, an Oregon Country Fair crafter for 28 years, began making her woven basketry two decades ago. Her baskets are made using Native American techniques and locally gathered pine needles. This woven pine needle basket (\$190) uses a spiral stitch, raffia and wooden beads. She has more than 25 baskets available for purchase in all different sizes and styles.

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## The Mac Store

Valley River Center, 800-689-8191

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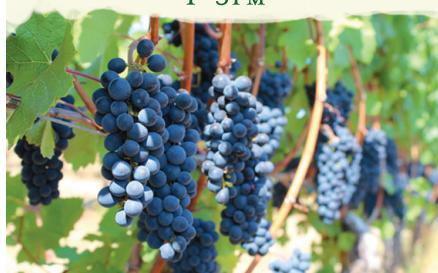
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768 E. 13th Ave., 541-345-1651;

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Written and illustrated by Oregon women, the new book *The Twelve Days of Christmas in Oregon* (\$13) will satisfy faraway kids who want a taste of Oregon and the kids who want to know more of what Oregon's all about. The book counts down the traditional rhyme with gifts of crabbers, sea lions, Portland food carts, waterfalls, birds and animals of the Beaver State. Each page also has a letter written about a cousin's anticipated visit and all the sights they'll see.



## Replay Toys

255 E. 18th Ave., 541-782-8711

This cozy little toyshop specializes in gently used collectible toys, especially Legos, action figures and board games. This Black Knight's Castle Lego set (\$120, set #6086) was originally released in 1992. It is 100 percent complete with instructions, 569 pieces, 12 mini-figures and four horses. If this set isn't there anymore, you'll find another awesome deal. Maybe that Lego Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Turtle Lair set is still there...

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This magnetic board with a canvas print of the outline of our fair state includes four magnets and a hand-stained hardwood frame (\$50). Whether you use it in your office, bedroom or home command center, you can display your memories and keep your shit together while professing your love for the best state in the West.



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